

Remarks

The present application was filed on January 13, 2004. This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004 that provided a restriction/election requirement between the group I claims 1-9 and the group II claims 10-15. In response, the Applicant has herein elected the group II claims, cancelled the group I claims, and filed new claims 16-21. These amendments are proper, do not introduce new matter, are not narrowing of claim scope in view of a rejection over a cited reference, and place the application in proper condition for allowance of all pending claims.

Restriction/Election Requirement

In response to the restriction between group I and group II claims, the Applicant elects the claims of group II and has cancelled the group I claims.

New Claims

Independent claim 16 is allowable over all references of record which do not disclose or suggest all the features of the embodiments of the present invention as claimed. For example, without limitation, all references of record are silent regarding a track writing apparatus comprising a *bearing comprising an outer race fixed to the actuator block and a rotatable inner spindle fixed in rotation with a head....* Claims 17-21 are allowable as dependent claims from allowable claim 16 and providing additional limitations thereto.

Conclusion

This is a complete response to the Office Action mailed November 12, 2004. The

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the above amendments, reconsider the application and allow all of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the below signed Attorney should any questions arise concerning this response.

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